

Vodka Made Her Sign as Soviet Spy

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Washington, Nov. 15 (NEWS Bureau) — An attractive Boston private school teacher, who once worked for New York impresario Sol Hurok, told the House Un-American Activities Committee today that she was recruited as a Soviet spy while high on vodka.

The witness, Natalie Anne Bienstock, 31, a Russian translator whose testimony previously was given to the Justice Department, said she was approached by the Soviet secret police while in Moscow as a tourist in 1962 and threatened with confiscation of her passport and possibly death until she agreed to sign a paper committing her to work as a Russian agent in this country.

Was Called U. S. Agent

"They insisted I was an American agent and would not believe my denials," she said. "I was terrified and frightened and lonely and young. They knew absolutely everything there was to know about me."

Miss Bienstock, a naturalized U. S. citizen who was born in Prague, said that for almost a year, from March 1962 until February 1963, she slipped information to her contact, Alexander Sorokin, at the Soviet UN Mission in New York that even the Russians did not consider "helpful."

Miss Bienstock, who got no pay from the Russians, said she gave them the names of three or four FBI and CIA agents who had routinely questioned her and other Hurok employees from time to time. She said she broke with the Soviets after about a year.

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